

Remarks

The specification and the claims of the International Application, as published on February 24, 2005, have been amended to correct typographical and grammatical errors and to conform to United States Patent and Trademark Office practice. An Abstract has also been supplied herewith on a separate sheet in accordance with United States Patent and Trademark Office practice. Examination of the specification and claims as amended herein is respectfully requested.

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ABSTRACT

An arrangement for enclosing at least a part of an object comprises an elastically deformable sleeve and a support by which the sleeve is held in a deformed state such that removal of the sleeve from one end of the support allows the sleeve to recover around and thereby to enclose an object. An initiating part of the sleeve remote from the said one end is deformed over a support such that the deformation of the initiating part may be locally relaxed preferably by manual release of a holding portion of the sleeve adjacent to the initiating part thereof initially in isolation from the remainder of the sleeve. The arrangement is such that the local relaxation provides an impetus that facilitates or causes the removal of the sleeve from the one end of the support.